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## Globe Trotter's Anchor

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They swell and itch and swell. When they are finally "ready," the egg sack is as large as a pea and must be removed intact or the eggs will hatch more deeply in the tissue. Getting the sack out is not as bad as having the hole poured full of iodine!

When you are under the mosquito net you feel like something on exhibit at an old fashioned farmers' short-course, before the days of cellophane and show cases. You ring for David to turn out the light; he brings you a "night cap" of mixed fresh fruit juices and disappears with your shoes. It gets to be almost annoying, this business of always having one's shoes whisked away, as though one had a right to them only by keeping them on his feet.

Down in the boys' quarters, the boys and the wives and Jabo, the small girl, are softly crooning Bassa songs, and you fall asleep with the lullaby.

Before you have been here long this world which seemed so strangely beautiful and dream-like at first seems the *real* world, and the world we left seems a place where all people hurry too much and where there is a terrible war going on. But surely that must be another planet. What could conquest have to do with this Eden-like spot? The only conquest I see is the conquest of jungle re-claiming men's painful and laborious clearing. Yet, actually, I know that beyond the mountains back of our house where wild monkeys play in the high trees, the "cats" and the shovels and the scoops are working night and day to finish the new airport. The boundaries of Eden are not wide! But I feel that I have had you inside them with me a short time.

Sincerely, ESTHER B. WARNER

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Padua, Ferrara,  
Madagascar, Nome,  
New York, London,  
Paris, Rome,  
Tibet, Rangoon,  
Manila, home.

Heat, sand,  
Grasslands, loam,  
Mountains, lakes,  
Ocean foam,  
Palm trees, pine trees,  
Hall trees, home.